

Prairie County Economic Development Council 2006 Summary of Activities

- Filed "official" organization status with the State of Montana as Prairie County Economic Development Council, Inc.
- Received 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS
- Evelyn Cameron Foundation hosted a successful tribute to Evelyn Cameron in June with a cowgirl theme
- Marketed Cameron documentary, books, and reproduction photos on www.evelyncameron.com
- Hired Elizabeth Montalvo to inventory Deppe's Cameron collection
- Assisted in the designation of Terry as a Preserve America Community
 - This designation makes Prairie County eligible for various heritage preservation programs
 - Applied for and received notification of a grant to develop hiking trails in the Wilderness Study Area and in Terry, plus begin an update of the Prairie County Profile
- Applied for Montana Cultural Trust Grant to fund a part-time position that will assist with putting on the annual Cameron celebration, coordinate and assemble a traveling exhibit of original Cameron photographs, oversee the www.evelyncameron.com website, preserve original Cameron photographs, and educate the public about Cameron
- ~~• Applied for a Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund Planning Grant~~
• Applied for a Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund Planning Grant finish updating the Prairie County Profile and to complete the inventory of Deppe's collection

Other Related Economic Development Activities

- Horizons Program
 - Study Circles meeting
 - Leadership Plenty will be next step
 - Community Action Plan is last step
- Extension Winter Series featured an "added value" theme for ag producers

Organization History

Prairie County Economic Development Council -- Established in 2000
Incorporated in 2005
Recognized as a 501-c3 organization 2005

Projects

Lady Cameron Heritage Celebrations since 2002

Hosted Inventors meeting with the local Chamber 2003

Cultural Speakers 2003 -- 2006

Established Prairie County as a Certified Community

Compiled an Economic Profile of Prairie County

Developed the website, www.evelyncameron.com -- 2004

Assisted the Museum with grant writing for a roof project -- 2004

Assisted the producers of the PBS Documentary, *Evelyn Cameron: Pictures From a Worthy Life*

→ Authored the application for Terry to become a *Preserve America* community. Currently 11 towns now hold that designation. When we were honored, we were 1 of 4.

Wrote the legislation for Terry to be known as, *The Official Home of the Evelyn Cameron Gallery* with Representative Carol Lambert

Trails of Terry -- Authored the application for a Preserve America grant to proceed with this project developing trails in the Terry Badlands and in town.

Highway Signage -- In process project trying to secure more highway signage for the historical attributes of Prairie County

